GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5631
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2001
NOTICES TO IMPORTERS OF DRUGS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had directed the NPPA to send notices to all importers of drugs to submit data in support of their price to ensure that benefit of Customs Duty exemption is passed on to consumers;

(b) if so, the names of companies to which notices were sent;

(c) the details of names of companies that have replied with names of their imported formulations;

(d) whether they have passed on the benefit of customs duty exemption to consumers;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have of late directed the NPPA to stop action; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (g): The direction to NPPA was with a view to examining whether the benefit of customs duty exemption on the import of drugs and medicines vide List 2 of the Notification No.16/2000 dated 1.3.2000 was actually being passed on to the consumer. Subsequently, NPPA was advised not to take action for the time being since the matter was under examination in the Government. Accordingly, no action was taken by the NPPA.